(ii) With-holding of DCRG of retired employees for penal rent recoveries, etc; and (Hi) Dis-allowance of one set of retirement passes fo$_r$ everyone month of unauthorised occupation of railway quarters.

Promotion of L.D.Cs/Typists in Northern Railway

1371. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) what is. the normal time being taken by a$_n$ L.D.C./Typist fo$_r$ promotion to the post of UDC in Northern Railway;

(b) whether it i$_s$ a fact that LDCs appointed in Northern Railway with les$_s$ tha$_n$ ten years servlice had been promoted as UDC. whereas the Typists appointed in the sam$_e$ Railway with more than "en to fifteen years servire are still working as Typists and had not been promoted a$_s$ U.D.Cs; and

(c) If so, what are the reasons therefor and the steps Government propose ^{f}o take to remove this dis crimination in th;; Northern Railway?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected from Northern Railway and will be laid on th$_e$ Table of the Sabha.

Research on 'ISCADOR' and anthropo sophical drutf **in Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy, New Delhi**

1872. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Iscador is an anthroposophical drug and Government hav$_e$ no information of its constituents;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that Central Council for Research in Homoeouathy has undertaken research in Iscador therapy which is neither a homoeopathic drug nOr its constituents are known to the said Council; and

(c) whethe$_r$ it is legally valid to conduct trial $_0$f a drug on human beings whose constituents are not known?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE-SOURCE DEVELOPMENT ANd TH5 MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FA-MILY WELFARE (SHRI P. V. NARA-SIMHA RAO): (a) and (b) Iscador is an anthroposophical proprietary drug. The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy have stated that Iscador is fermented aqueous extract of Viscum album (whol$_e$ plant) from different host trees processed byj a special method. The Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy had undertaken research in Iscador therapy based on the recommendations of its Scientific Advisory Committee.

(c) Does not arise.

Research in ISCADOR therapy in Homoeopathy

1873. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Council for Research in Homoeorjpi+hv has been conducting research in Iscador therapy;

(b) whethe$_r$ it i$_s$ a^so a fact that Iscador i$_s$ registered only in Switzerland, Austria and Germany and it is still on the list of unproven anticancer drugs of the American Cancel Society and therefore several countries are reluctant to approve it; and

(c) if so, what made the Centra Council for Research in Homoeopaths undertake trial of this unprover drug, on human beings?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RE SOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND THI MINISTER OF HEALTH ANI